

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 611 – SB 702

March 16, 2015

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes private property owners in Bledsoe and White counties to eradicate wild hogs year around by any means necessary. Prohibits the use of dogs during deer hunting seasons and requires private property owners to report the number of wild hogs killed within one month of eradication to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency on an agency form.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – There may be additional expenditures for state and local government entities over the long-term if violations increase as a result of wild hog hunting; however, any such impact is dependent upon multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably determined.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004379):** Rewrites Section 1 of the original bill to include private property owners in Polk County to eradicate wild hogs year around by any means necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to provide a form and collect the required reports.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Agriculture and the TWRA, this bill as amended would require additional enforcement and regulatory personnel due to an increase in potential violations, complaints, and spread of disease to other animals. Any fiscal impact is estimated to occur after the first two years of passage.
- The fiscal impact of the bill as amended over the long-term cannot be reasonably determined due to unknown factors, but the immediate fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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